

Canyon Floor Complex (10)

Location: This mosaic of deciduous types occupies the bottom of Walnut and Cherry Canyons on terraces above the former active channel. A few stands also occur in sheltered upland areas south of Walnut Canyon.

Photosignature: Because this map class includes several plant associations, the signature is a complicated one. Gambel oak stands have an even, pebbly texture and are dark red to orange red in color. Box elder and cottonwood trees tend to occur in smaller clumps or as scattered individuals, and the crowns are generally a brighter red. Clones of shrubs such as snowberry, chokecherry and wild privet appear as smoother red patches. The deciduous woodlands and shrublands are separated by an area of mixed forblands and grasslands, which appear pale gray on the photos.

